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1. On 28 November, about 1,300 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets, about 40 to 50 percent with artillery insignia, and about 25 women wearing red-bordered black epaulets were quartered in the Infanterie Kaserne in Oschatz. A dispensary was also located in the installation. On 23 November, 40 men constructed field fortifications in the gravel pit east of the installation. Six trucks, 1 jeep, 2 sedans and 3 tank trucks were stored in the barracks yard. Source also observed in the barracks area about 25 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets maintaining 1 armored half-track weapon carrier, 1 six-wheeled armored weapon carrier, 3 trucks and 1 jeep and saw about 170 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia, who were at drill and close-combat exercises. [REDACTED] 30 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and carrying five 82-mm mortars left the installation, while other soldiers maintained 1 six-wheeled armored weapon carrier. [REDACTED]

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2. On 28 November, about 1,200 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including about 40 percent with tank insignia were quartered in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne. On 25 November, about 80 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying entrenching tools constructed field fortifications on the training grounds and 20 men maintained 6 trucks, 2 tank trucks and 1 sidecar motorcycle in the yard. About 30 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia drilled and received close-combat training. [REDACTED] left the installation. One T-34/85 tank and 24 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets were at driving exercises on the training ground. [REDACTED]

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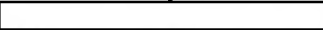
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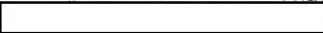


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 Comment. A previous report by another source on 24 November stated that only few men were quartered in the Infanterie Kaserne.  The present information tends to indicate that the elements of the 8th Ptz Rifle Regt of the 9th Tank Div assumed in Zeithain had returned to their billets prior to 23 November. It is believed that in late November the 23d Tank Regt of the division was quartered in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne as previously.

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